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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am taking the time to write you on behalf of myself and thousands of other Americans who I know are behind Microsoft. We support efforts at seeing the Microsoft Corporation freed of further litigation. The past three years have tested Microsoft's ability to produce innovative products, and I expect to see a boost to our economy once the law suit ends.

*Microsoft has not hurt the consumer.*

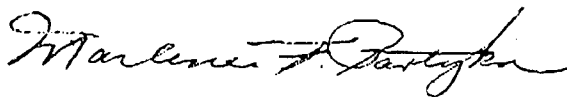
In view of the fact that our nation prides itself on freedom of enterprise, I have difficulty understanding why the government initiated this law suit in the first place. We are raised to believe that with hard work and innovation, one can achieve any success, but obviously, this is not true. The price for success is the fear of being criminalized by one's own government. Shameful.

I feel the settlement, proposed and accepted by the U.S. District Court and Microsoft, is the only solution at present to salvage the remaining ingenuity Microsoft has brought to this country and the world. I certainly hope this 60-day public comment period will make a difference in how the case finally ends.

It is time to let Microsoft off the hook and get them back in the field of creating software -- if we take that freedom away from them, then what does that say about our country?

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Representative Henry Hyde

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